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AVAILABILITY OF FODDEER FOR LIVESTOCK
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sugarcane bagasse can be used as feed/fodder for livestock after steam treatment;

(b) if so, whether Philippines, Cuba and some others are using bagasse as feed;

(c) if so, whether the MNES has been giving incentives to burn this valuable resource to generate power;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Planning Commissionin this report on Animal Husbandry and Dairying for Tenth Five Year Plan has estimated requiremdnt and availability of dry/green fodder;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether crores of tonnes of dry fodder is burnt in Punjab, Haryana and Western Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh; and

(h) if so, the concrete measures taken to bridge the gap and ban burning/diversion and utilisation of sugarcane bagasse after some treatment?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)& (b): Yes, Sir.

(c)&(d): Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is supporting optimum cogeneration from bagasse in sugar mills for generation of surplus power for the grid. A surplus power capacity of 304 MW has been installed, and a further capacity of 312 MW is under installation. However, out of 418 sugar mills, this cogeneration from bagasse takes place only in 34 sugar mills. The programme provides for Central Financial Assistance by way of interest subsidy for various types of projects in cooperative, public and private sector sugar mills. Fiscal and promotional incentives, including relief from taxes and duties, accelerated depreciation, soft loans etc. are also available for these project.

(e)&(f): Yes, Sir. Details are as under:

Supply and demand of green and dry fodder -Projected estimated.

(in million tonnes)

Year	Supply		Demand		Deficit%	
	Green	dry	Green	dry	Green	dry
1995	379.3	421	947	526	59.95	19.95
2000	384.5	428	988	549	61.10	21.93
2005	389.9	443	1025	569	61.96	22.08
2010	395.2	451	1061	589	62.76	23.46
2015	400.6	466	1097	609	63.50	23.56
2020	405.9	473	1134	630	64.21	24.81
2025	411.3	488	1170	650	64.87	24.92

(g) &(h) States practicing combined mechanized harvesting have been advised not to burn the straw/stovers. Central Government provides funds to the State Governments under Centrally SponsoredScheme to supplement their efforts for augmenting the fodder production. Besides, under Central MinikitProgramme quality fodder seeds are supplied to the State Government for onwards distribution to the farmers free of cost.